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SUBJECT: CURRENT STATUS OF POSTAL NEGOTIATIONS

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1. DURING DISCUSSION OF DEPARTING AND NEWLY-ARRIVED
LABATTS WITH CANADIAN UNION OF POSTAL WORKERS (CUPW)
PRESIDENT PARROT, IT BECAME CLEAR THAT RENEGOTIATION OF
COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT FACES MAJOR HURDLES BUT NO REPEAT NO
STRIKE THREAT EXISTS AT PRESENT.

2. CUPW INFORMED POST OFFICE LAST WEEK IN CONFIDENTIAL
LETTER THAT UNION IS PREPARED TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS
PROVIDING GOC AGREES IN PRINCIPLE TO ESTABLISHMENT OF
ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO OVERALL POSTAL ADMINI-
STRATION AND TO TURNING POST OFFICE INTO CROWN CORPORATION.
LATTER PROPOSAL HAD BEEN CONTAINED IN 1969 AND SUBSEQUENT
STUDIES OF POSTAL SYSTEM. SINCE NEITHER OF THE TWO
"PRECONDITIONS" IS NEGOTIABLE, CUPW IS CARRYING ON LOBBY-
ING CAMPAIGN AMONG KEY CABINET MEMBERS. ACCORDING TO
PARROT, PRIME MINISTER IS NOT OPPOSED TO CROWN CORPORATION
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CONCEPT IN PRINCIPLE BUT POSTMASTER GENERAL BLAIS HAS
PUBLICLY STATED HIS OPPOSITION.

3. FURTHERMORE, CUPW NOT ANXIOUS TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS
UNTIL PUBLIC SERVICE STAFF RELATIONS BOARD HAS RULED ON
UNION CHARGE AGAINST POST OFFICE FOR PROHIBITING UNION
BULLETIN POSTING IN POSTAL STATIONS AND POST OFFICE CHARGE

AGAINST CUPW FOR BAD FAITH BARGAINING. UNION PLACES
WORKER PROTECTION AGAINST ADVERSE EFFECTS OF AUTOMATION,
AND HIRING OF CASUALS AHEAD OF STILL-UNDETERMINED WAGE
DEMANDS. PARROT IMPLIED IF GOC DECIDES TO CONVERT POST
OFFICE INTO CROWN CORPORATION AND NON-MONETARY ISSUES
RESOLVED, CUPW WOULD SETTLE WITHIN ANTI-INFLATION BOARD
WAGE GUIDELINES.

4. COMMENT: BY JOINING POLITICAL ISSUES OF ROYAL
COMMISSION OF INQUIRY AND CREATION OF CROWN CORPORATION
WITH CONCLUSION OF NEW COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT, NEGOTIATIONS
MIGHT WELL DRAG ON FOR MANY WEEKS, IF NOT MONTHS. AS
LONG AS CURRENT LACK OF MEMBERSHIP PRESSURE FOR NEW
CONTRACT PREVAILS, NO NATION-WIDE STRIKE ACTION IS
ANTICIPATED. ENDERS

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